

The Beautiful Short Poetry of Gabriel D. Wollenburg

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Manitowish Waters, Small Cabin

Ahaha! Thunder rumbles across the north woods, crawling, a billowing sound explosion that scours the trees with it's angry crawl.

The lightning leaps off the lake, dances across the sky, and is a silent complement to the rain's gentle hush, and the roaring thunder.

Springer is on the television. And the dogs are uncomfortable.

The Accident

After the **accident**, stumbling away from the damaged **vehicle**...

Dyslexic Tony fell to his knees,
snot **bubbling** from his nose
and the sugary sour paste of **blood**
flowing across his swollen tongue.

He looked to they sky
and cried to **doG**.

Haiku that Suck

Jealousy

When birds fly, sometimes
they get to see a long way.
I want to kill them.

My Friends all have games.
They play Super Nintendo.
I want to kill them.

Vicki wears glasses.
Michael gets to wear braces.
I want to kill them.

Some have nothing. They
never complain about it.
I want to kill them.

Haiku for Bob.

Bob is an old man.
He wants to drink his coffee,
He wants it right now.

Untitled

When you look at
me
like that,

please,

remember that
we only
have so
long before closing,
and then
I have to go.

This is not
a good
time,

but,

it is
time and that
is what
counts.

Oh, Box Elder or Foliage Climax

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When it began it was Springtime.
She clung to him in a small, curled fetal position
He gave her strength.
He gave her power to grow and become strong.

In the summer she became mature.
He started relying on her and on
Their intimate mutual relationship.
She satisfied his needs.
She satisfied his desires.
He gave her a reason to be.

His demand was relentless.
He kept wanting more from her.
She'd go until her veins were full
literally bursting with the sweet juices that he desired.
She'd exhaust herself every day.
He'd lap her efforts up and demand more.

She was true through it all.
She stayed where others had left him.
She stayed through wind and rain.
Sickness.
Prosperity.
She was there.

(She even hung on through that nasty bout with
those insects that would crawl across her at night.
Tickling and itching her, biting at her flesh. But some spray cleared that up
(thank god)
and the insects were gone. Still, she clung to him.)

She continued to exhaust herself in her efforts to satisfy his desires.

It is Autumn now and She is tired.
He is still relentless. He demands her
and she continues to comply.
She is tired, and she feels old.
The flow is not so much anymore.

She can't cling anymore.
She feels her grasp slipping.
She fights to hold on.
He begs her to stay.
She fights. She grabs. She scratches, and bites and cries.
She expends every last bit of
her energy trying to keep him happy, trying to keep him satisfied, so
that he won't let her fall.

"Please," She moans. "Please..."

She falls.
She couldn't hold on.
Apart from him, she dies.

She falls. She has lost all her color.
She is dry and brittle.
She is old.

She falls slowly and gracefully, landing in the piles of leaves beneath her.

the *Girl* at the Club

She has on her best loose-fitting clothing:
a flowery blouse thing and
too-big jeans

Right now she's curled up in her
sweater
to keep warm, her arms wrapped
neatly around
her knees.

But later,

under the purple lights that make her
teeth light up like a Fourth of July glow stick,
in the heat of a thousand bodies
thump-thump-jumping,

she will flip a lock of her curly red hair
out of her eyes by jerking her head back.

She will lean her tiny frame back
and laugh.

She will appreciate how she dressed so smartly.

Creation spawns a Link

Creation spawns a Link
with weasels wheezing.
turtles-- abundant
around the table
as my hand
goes through
the stained glass plait--
with a fly flying by
at rest.
a Non-constructed screamer,
the window knows.

A boy screams for legs
as the red walks by,
looking at a flower
but singing about something else.

People work superficially
digging holes in fabric
that isn't there.

they have no shovels

and they are alone.

Joy's Room.

I went down to Joy's room
to give Pat a cookie,
but Joy wanted to chat,
so I stayed for a while.
We talked about cars
and then she braided my hair
and put a
 small bow
 in the back.

In 10^{33} years,
all Protons will begin
to decay, resulting in
all matter as we
know it disappearing
in an orgasmic spasm
of electronic
discharge.

(almost worth waiting for, huh?)

Dumb

He owns a big big truck
and he'll drive it
down to the mobile station

He'll say hi to
mike the attendant
he'll ask mike for
two packs of cigarettes.

He has known mike since they had
both graduated from high school

but he'll pay for them anyway.

Tummy

*"Polly wants a cracker,
I think I should get off her first." --Kurt Cobain*

I have had
enough of this.

But death is not
the exit.

The exit is down
the hallway and to your right.

Splendor

Yesterday
the man that
has never had
a Whopper™ is
very important

Today
I'm a bean

Tomorrow
I may
sprout.

Bitch

You are too short.

Crest

Time is Linear
they tell me
I think
that time

is both a particle
and a wave

Fatigue

had the answer to
fascism
been involved with driving
ambulances
to and from
autumn

Allies

Independence
stands
Alone.

Next to the Cheese.

Poem about leaving school

Before I left for the second time,
we consumed breakfast, and we looked at pictures
that captured the entire year in conversation.

(Nearly)

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